

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM

The Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Russian Federation, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Sharing the Provisions of the Manila Declaration on the World Tourism /1980/ and the Main Principles of the Hague Declaration on Tourism /1989/,

Expressing the desire to strengthen the friendly relations between Russia and Israel and to promote understanding between their people on the basis of equality and mutual benefit,

Have agreed on the following :

Article 1

The Parties will pay attention to encourage the development and expansion of relations on tourism between the two countries with a view to their peoples acquiring a better knowledge and understanding of each other's life, history and culture.

Article 2

The Parties will promote the development of cooperation in the field of tourism between the State tourist managing bodies of their countries, specially through religious, ethnic, linguistic and cultural organized tourism, and will actively encourage the establishment of relations between tourist associations, organizations and enterprises of both countries for the expansion of tourism exchange.

Article 3

The Parties, on the basis of each country's internal legislation, will encourage promotion of cooperation in the field of tourism between private tourism enterprises.

Within the limits established by their internal legislation, the Parties shall favour the development of tourism promotion and publicity, exchanges of travel journalists and experts on travelling and tourism.

Article 4

In order to provide the population of each country with the necessary information concerning tourism possibilities in the other country, the Parties will promote the mutual exchange of information on :

- the regulations and the legislation that each Party has on tourism activity as well as for the protection and preservation of natural and cultural resources as tourism attractions;
- tourism resources in their countries;
- management of hotels and other types of tourist accommodation;
- statistics on tourism;
- other information on tourism, including films and exhibition materials.

Article 5

The Parties shall exchange information on their programs of studies, research and teaching on tourism with the aim of improving the training of their technical and specialized staff, and shall encourage contacts between tourism teaching and training bodies of both countries.

Article 6

The Parties shall strive to promote measures meant for simplifying, as far as possible, the formalities required for tourism exchange.

Article 7

The Parties shall coordinate their cooperation in the World Tourism Organization (WTO), and other international tourism organizations.

Article 8

The Parties may open an official representation on Tourism in the territory of the other Party.

Article 9

The Parties shall set up a mixed Commission on tourism which shall control the implementation of the present Agreement, adopt joint resolutions providing for the development of cooperation, and work out further programs of bilateral cooperation in the field of tourism.

The Parties may invite representatives and experts from both State and private sectors to attend the Mixed Commission sessions.

The Joint Commission sessions shall convene once a year when agreed by the Parties.

The sessions of the Mixed Commission shall be chaired by the Head of Delegation of the hosting country.

Article 10

The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which the Parties notify each other, in a written form, through the diplomatic channels, of their compliance with the procedures requested by the internal legislation of both Parties for its entering into force. The Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the last notification.

The Agreement will be valid for a period of five years and will be automatically renewed for successive five year periods unless one of the Parties expresses its desire to terminate it through a written notification addressed to the other Party through the diplomatic channels, three months in advance.

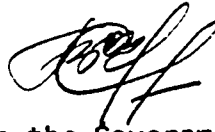
The termination of the present Agreement will not affect the implementation of programs and projects that may have been formalised during its prevalence, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

Any amendments of the Agreement shall be subject to the same procedure as its entering into force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned have signed this Agreement in the City of Moscow on the 25th day of April 1994, which corresponds to the 14th day of Iyar of the year 5754 in three original texts in the Hebrew, Russian and English languages, all of them being equally authentic. In case of differences in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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